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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN - DEPFONMIN VISIT TO BULGARIA

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1. AFGHAN CHARGE', DR. A.Q. KOUCHI, WHO ARRIVED SOFIA JANUARY 11 TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY AND PREPARE FOR VISIT FO DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH, CALLED ON ME TODAY. HE FINDS HIMSELF IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION. DESPITE PROMISES OF BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR IN KABUL, HE HAS NO RESIDENCE AND NO CHANCERY AND WITH LITTLE HOPE OF HAVING EITHER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, ACCORDING TO THE BULGARIAN SERVICE BUREAU. HE IS ALREADY VERY DISCOURAGED AND HIS IRANIAN AND INDIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE CONTRIBUTED BY PAINTING FOR
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KOUCHI VERY BLACK PICTURE OF LIFE AND BUSINESS IN SOFIA.

I TRIED NOT TO BE AS GLOOMY AND OFFERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE.

2. REGARDING THE DEPFONMIN'S VISIT: HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JANUARY 17, HAVE OFFICIAL TALKS AND SIGN AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT ON THE 18TH AND SPEND WEEKEND IN VARNA RESTING. KOUCHI WOULD NOT BE DRQWN OUT ON WHETHER OR NOT CREDITS WERE INVOLVED BUT HE DID SAY IT WOULD FORMALIZE THE PRESENCE OF SOME 15 TO 20 BULGARIAN TECHNICIANS CURRENTLY IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. KOUCHI, AV ERY PLEASANT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON, SAID HE WAS HEAD OF THE SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT IN THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUST PRIOR TO HIS SOFIA ASSIGNMENT. CLAIMS THAT HE IS ONE OF FOUR RUSSIAN LANGAUGE OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY. THIS REGARD, HE WONDERED OUT LOUD WHAT HE WAS DOING IN SOFIA WHEN THERE ARE NONE OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW WHERE HAS HAS ALSO SERVED.
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